

MILFOIL TREATMENT UPDATE

We made some changes in our efforts to treat and manage the Eurasian Water Milfoil this year.

First, we contracted with a new applicator-Northern Environmental out of Mequon, WI. Several factors led us to make this change and so far we are optimistic that it was the right decision.

Second, we also engaged Northern to perform a pre-treatment and post-treatment survey to set in motion a more detailed management approach to track our progress. This will enhance our ability to gather reliable data as to our progress and provide a benchmark for the District, the DNR, and you as we move forward in our fight to minimize the spread of EWM and get things under control. The post treatment survey which will be done in late June/early July will produce much anticipated data. We intend to post the results on the web page so everyone can monitor our progress on a yearly basis.

The "experts" all suggest that early spring treatments provide the best results and we were fortunate this year to be able to accomplish this on May 18th. We are optimistic that this along with other factors will help to make some significant progress.

Third, we also decided to switch from the granular form of the chemical 2,4-D to a liquid form of the product. The liquid form is becoming more of a standard for the industry and the available data that is coming in from the experts is starting to show better results than with the granular. A side benefit is that the liquid form is almost 50% less expensive,

which allowed us to treat all of the approximately 70 acres this year. Please take time to view the treatment map at www.districtofpowerslake.com.

An area of possible concern and one that we will monitor closely going forward is the presence of a small trace (few plants) of Curly Leaf Pondweed which is another invasive species. We will work to identify and document areas of the lake where this Invasive may exist and monitor accordingly. You can help by learning to identify these plants and notify the DPL board if you see them present. The DNR has a great web page on Invasives, to learn more go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives>

In summary, our goal this year was to be as proactive and aggressive as possible. We met with the DNR this spring and made some significant headway in building consensus on these issues. We are optimistic that those efforts in conjunction with our new course of action will make a difference.

Be assured we are doing all we can to address the EWM issue and other Invasive Species. As a community and as stewards of Powers Lake, each of us needs to do our part as individuals to prevent the spread of invasive species. Prevention of entry is our first defense.

THE DPL IS ON THE WEB!

The District is pleased to announce the launch of our web page and would like to thank all those involved. A special Thank You to Mary Adams, Jim Kent & Neal Kuhn for their efforts. If you have not already done so, please visit www.districtofpowerslake.com and take a moment to sign up on the Registration page. By signing up you are enabling us to keep you apprised of all things pertinent to Powers Lake and our community. For instance, those that signed up on the initial launch received an email regarding the Milfoil treatment that took place on May 18th. This is a powerful tool that will enable us to keep you better informed on a more "real time" basis on these types of issues.

Please share the link with your family and friends and encourage them to sign up as well. The site, while funded and managed by the Lake District, is not limited to only lakefront property owners. We encourage anyone interested in the happening on Powers Lake to sign up. Our database allows for non - lakefront property owners to participate.

There is a wealth of information on the site with links to a variety of resources intended to educate and raise awareness of Lake Stewardship issues and the efforts of the DPL Board such as:

- News & Events
- Invasive Species (Milfoil, VHS & Zebra Mussels)
- Ordinances & Regulations related to Water Use, Boating Rules, and Piers etc.
- Archives of the DPL Newsletter

- Archives of DPL Meeting Minutes & Agenda

We welcome your comments and suggestions as we look to make enhancements, so please take a look and share your thoughts by using the Contact Us flag on the website. For instance, we were "picture challenged" and encourage anyone with a favorite photo of Powers Lake (sunrise, sunset, candid moment or otherwise) to please email it to us and we will likely include it on the home page!

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM

In conjunction with SEWRPC, we are proceeding with our planning program.

- Our yearly water quality monitoring begins in June and continues weekly through the summer.
- The survey questionnaire has been submitted and should be mailed in the near future. Please take the time to complete the survey and share your views. Your feedback is important to us and this is your opportunity to be heard.
- Summer will bring the aquatic plant survey, recreational use survey, watercraft census, public access and lake use assessment, and Nippersink Creek assessment.

ADOPT A LAKE PROGRAM

In spite of fog, wind, and rain, 64 Third Graders from Randall Consolidated School enthusiastically took part in the program at the Knolls launch on May 27th. Due to smaller class size, all the classes participated in one morning session and had 2 new stations to visit. Whether fishing, seining or sampling water and lake bottom they used equipment with help from the Wilmot High students to learn about their environment at 10 stations. Overall opinion was that "this is cool". Their teacher and program director, Karen Reddin, has graciously agreed to speak at our June 19th meeting and give us a full report.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

The Town of Randall sponsored this program on May 20th. Audrey Greene, the Lake Specialist for Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management, presented this valuable workshop from 6-9 p.m.

The **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** volunteer watercraft inspection program assists Wisconsin residents in stopping the spread of invasive species. The Wisconsin DNR, UW-Extension and Wisconsin Association of Lakes are offering training and resource kits to be used by volunteers at boat landings. The resource kit aids volunteers in looking for and identifying EWM, zebra mussels and other threatening invasive species. Additionally, these materials help volunteers establish a volunteer watercraft inspection program for their lake. This program is an opportunity for volunteers to take a frontline defense against aquatic invasive species. The **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** inspection program encourages boaters to take preventive measures to help stop the spread of invasives from lake to lake.

WATER SAFETY CLASS

The WI Mandatory Boating Bill requires everyone born on or after 1-1-1989 and at least 16 years of age to have a boating safety education certificate to operate a motorboat on Wisconsin's waterways. The Randall Water Patrol will hold a Water Safety Class for kids age 11 or older which will earn them a permit to drive a boat or personal watercraft at 12 years of age. The 12 hours of classes will be held June 18th and 19th 10 a.m. -2p.m. and June 20th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch. The location is the Randall Town Hall 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. Register by calling the Town Clerk at 262-877-2165.

PLYC SAILING LESSONS

Youth lessons are scheduled for the week preceding and following the Fourth of July this year. If you are interested please check the PLYC website or contact John Doheny at john@doheny.com.

AN INVITATION TO ALL RESIDENTS

Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing will be held on July 25th beginning at 9 a.m. at Wilmot Union High School 11112 308th Avenue, Wilmot, WI 53192. They have graciously invited residents of Powers Lake, Lake Benedict and Tombeau Lake to attend. There will be an informational presentation on the new and sometimes confusing pier regulations by their City Attorney. Information will also be provided as to having your pier grandfathered in on your deed. In addition, refreshments will be provided!

HISTORY OF POWERS LAKE

If you don't have a copy, you should and it makes a wonderful gift for family and friends.

The book authored by Powers Lake area former resident Dee Wells, entitled "*Powers Lake, Benedict Lake & Tombeau Lake, The First Hundred Years - Volume 1*".

To pick the book up "in person" the price is \$25.00 (tax included, and no credit cards). It would be a good idea to call ahead to make sure they are in stock. Books are available at:

1. Wells Osborn Spiral Stairs 162 Walworth Street, Genoa City, WI 53128.

Office hours are: Monday through Friday 9-12, 1 to 4. Saturdays 9 to 12.

2. Uncle Ed's BBQ Grill and Catering N 1530 Powers Lake Rd
Powers Lake, WI 53128 (262) 279-6673

3. Solid Brass Antiques 5509 Broadway St
Richmond, IL 60071 (815) 678-4411

Or, ask Dee to mail a book to you for \$30.00 each. Send your check and mailing address to Dee Wells, Box 133, Genoa City, WI 53128.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Friday, June 19, 2009 Quarterly DPL Board Meeting 5 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. Guest speaker on the Adopt A Lake Program, Karen Reddin.
- Friday, August 7, 2009 Annual DPL Meeting 7 p.m. at the Randall Consolidated School, 37101 87th St. [Hwy F] Burlington, WI.